(c) what steps Government have taken to check such fraudulent transactions in the import of sugar; and

(d) what is the quantity and value of sugar imported during the year 1993 and so far in 1994 and the names of the countries from which these imports have been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c) The Government has placed import of sugar under open General Licence (OGL). It is for the importers to use their best commercial judgement to ascertain the genuineness of the party and his capacity to deliver the sugar at the contracted price.

(d) During the years 1993 and 1994 (upto 31 March, 1994), there were no imports of sugar.

Opening a Regional Office of UGC at Guwahati

4093. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a long demand from the people of Assam and North East for a Regional Office of the University Grants Commission at Guwahati;

(b) whether Government have decided to establish any regional office of the UGC in different parts of the country; and

(c) if so, by when such an office is likely to be established?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sri.

(b) and (c) According to the information furnished by UGC, the Commission has taken a decision, in principle, to set up its regional offices. An Empowered Committee, constituted by the UGC, is examining the various issues like location of regional offices, requirement of infrastructural facilities, operational framework, etc.

Hostels for Working Women in Madhya Pradesh

4094. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of proposals for construction of working women's hostels sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh Districtwise during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 and as on date;

(b) the places where such hostels have been sanctioned during 1993-94 and proposed to be sanctioned during 1994-95 in the state;

(c) whether any amount has been allocated by Government during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI): (a) to (d) During the year 1993-94, one proposal which was sanctioned in Bhopal and Khargaon (West Nimar), while no proposals were sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh during the years 1991-92 and 1992-93. A Statement showing the number of hostels sanctioned in Madhya Pradesh as on date is attached. (*See* below). The number of hostels to be sanctioned during any year depends upon the proposals received from eligible organisations. Thus allocation of funds under the scheme is not made State/Union Territory/Place-wise. For the year 1993-94, the expenditure under the scheme of assistance for the construction/expansion of hostel building for working women with a day care centre, for the country as a whole, was Rs. 718 lakhs. The funds released to eligible organisations in Madhya Pradesh during the year 1993-94 amounted to Rs. 11.69 lakhs. For the year 1994-95, the Budget provision is Rs. 775 lakhs for the country as a whole.

Statement

Sl. No.	District/Place	No. of Hostels sanctioned as on date since inception of the scheme
1	Balaghat	1
2	Betul	1
3	Bhedaghat	1
4	Bhind	1
5	Bhopal	8
6	Bijawar	1
7	Bilaspur	1
8	Burhamapur	1
9	Chhatarpur	1
10	Chindwara	1
11	Churhut	1
12	Damoh	1
13	Dewas	1
14	Dhar	1
15	Durg	1
16	Guna	1